

The Ringer—October 2025



CALENDAR DATES

- Oct 5th —was Council Meeting, Blessing of animals
- Oct 8th—Godly Play Begins at 5:30 pm Dinner; 6:15 pm Classes
- Oct 9th— Breakfast club at IHOP 8:30 am, Sewing club 10am
- Oct 11th—Rejoicing Spirits has been Cancelled.
- Oct. 12th— David Rankin Concert at Redeemer 2pm
- Oct. 15th— Godly Play dinner is Pizza 5:30 classes at 6:15
- Oct. 16th— Silver needles sew in, Silver needles Trio quilt show Oct 16-18th.
- Oct 19th— Confirmation classes 8:30am, Third Sunday Sunday school. Roughly 10:45am following service
- Oct 20th— Silver Needles Meeting 6pm
- Oct 21st— Souper Sisters Kansas Wesleyan Dining hall 11:30am-12:30
- Oct 22nd— Godly play 5:30pm dinner is waffles and sausage, 6:15pm Classes
- Oct 24th—Family Fun Night has been cancelled
- Oct 26th— Confirmation classes 8:30am
- Oct 29th—Godly Play 5:30pm

Please Notify the Church Office When . .

- You or a member of your family is going to be hospitalized. Let the hospital know you are a member of Redeemer.
- You have a change of address
- Your phone number has changed
- Your email address has changed

Dear Members of Redeemer,

I am serving you as a transition pastor. That means that my job is to provide you with pastoral care, but it also means I am to help you do the paperwork necessary for you to call a new pastor. This process of filling out paperwork can take from 6 months to a year. We formed a transition team whose job is to collect data to fill out the paperwork that is called the Ministry Site Profile. Once the Ministry Site Profile is completed, it is sent to the Central States Synod Office. It is at this point that a call committee is formed. Members of the Transition team can serve on the call committee if they wish, but usually a different group of members serve on the call committee. The only job the call committee has is to interview the pastors whose names have been given to them by the Synod Office. Pastors who are looking for a call to a congregation will be given your Ministry Site Profile and if they are interested in a call to Redeemer, the Synod Office will forward their name to the chair of the call committee. This process again can take from 6 months to a year. I really want to make all of you aware of the absolute necessity of input from every member of the congregation. The transition team will be conducting one-on-one, in-person interviews with each member of the congregation. These interviews will be conducted in the fellowship hall on two separate days. These dates will be announced in November. Before these interviews begin, you will be asked to fill out a 5-question survey that you will be asked to bring to these interviews. It is so important that we hear from each and every one of you. If you can not make the interviews, you will still be able to submit your surveys. The surveys are going to be anonymous, even for those bringing their survey to the interviews.

I wish to thank the persons who accepted the invitation to be on the transition team: Trey Potter (Chair), Charlotte Herrman, Kyle Tonniges, Wayne Keeler, Ryne Callahan, and Kris Neff. You can ask them for updates as to what is currently happening in the transition process or you can ask me.

I ask for your patience as we go through this process. Unfortunately, it is not an easy one or a quick one. Your continued prayers for me and the transition team are definitely needed.

In Christ,
Pastor Del



OCTOBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

** We are changing the church's insurance to Goodville-Eck. Saving money and better deal.

**Pastor and Mary Shaffer will meet to discuss overhauling the Outreach Committee.

**Rejoicing Spirits is looking for a new coordinator. It is canceled for October.

** Next council meeting will take place Nov. 4th at 5:30pm

**The Transition Team will begin to collect data in the month of October

**Redeemer is hosting a Free Interactive Organ Concert by David Rankin, on October 12th at 2 pm;
Free Will Offering for Lutheran Disaster Response/Flood Victims in NC, NM & TX

**WE ARE BRINGING BACK TRUNK or TREAT October 31st! Watch for details!

**If you are interested in being part of the nominating committee please see Sheila Alstatt

THANK YOU to all who give of their time, talents and monetary donations to Redeemer! We graciously appreciate you! Blessings from the Council!

Oct. BIRTHDAYS



4	Mary Shaffer	20	Shellee Callahan
8	Mike Ramage	22	Denise Dusin
9	Lana Jordan	22	Steve Callahan
11	Craig Alstatt	22	Rod Anderson
12	Paula Smith	24	Diedre Aurand
12	Sam Neff	27	James Nelsen
13	Jamie Lovin	27	Judith Clausen
13	Betty Baxter	31	Vivian Cook
15	Phil Sedo		
19	Aaden Nuss		

ANNIVERSARIES



5	Boone & Brittni	20	Joe & Anita Hartley
7	Chad & Christine Curl	22	Curtis & Andrea Pickering
14	Charlotte & David Herrman		

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. The November Newsletter deadline is October 27nd, 2025. Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the church.

Partners in Ministry 9:30 AM

If you would like to volunteer to help with Fellowship, please contact Debbie Beckman.

If you would like to volunteer to help with Altar Guild, please contact Vivian Cook.

Redeemer needs you! Thank you!

Duty	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26
Greeters	Jan Jackson, Marty Holmquist	Rosemary and Rod Anderson	Kahlan Metcalfe, Kaden Tonniges	Cheryl Itschner, Vivian Cook
Ushers	Mike Ramage, Joe Plumer	Ray and Debbie Beckman	Grant and Kris Johanson	Wayne and Carol Keeler
Lector	Ann Metcalfe	Kathy Lowman	Mary Metz	Sam Neff
Communion	Jean Sedo, Debbie Beckman	Wayne and Carol Keeler	Gary Mettler, Mary Shaffer	
Sound	Kris Neff	Perry Jurgensen	Ray Beckman	Kyle Tonniges
Fellowship				

From the Treasurer

YTD Income \$198,170.04

YTD Expenses \$182,200.99

Mortgage Balance \$198,681.44

Endowment Capital Earmark \$41,277.00

Rest of Endowment \$257,725.00

HEY GUYS!! We are looking to revive a “Guys Night Out” the first Thursday of each month, beginning **October 2nd at 6 pm.** We will meet at the church and Pastor Del will cook a meal, which each person is asked to contribute \$5.00 towards expenses and provide your own drinks. Following the meal, there will be Bible Study & Fellowship. Please sign up with Tom Mertz, so Pastor Del knows how many to cook for.



Christmas Fund for Ellsworth Prisoners

Starting October 19, 2025 there will be a tree in the fellowship hall with envelopes on it. If you wish to donate towards a Christmas gift for a prisoner or prisoners, please take an envelope and return it with the money to the church office or place it in the offering plate. A gift for a prisoner is purchased by the chaplains at the prison. They ask for a donation of \$12.95 per prisoner. Your gift purchases a gift, Christian literature, snacks and hygiene products for each prisoner. Christmas is a very hard time for prisoners and the prisoners greatly appreciate these gifts. Deadline for returning your donations is November 23, 2025. We have to send our donation by December 1. The church council has voted to buy gifts for 20 prisoners, so anything donated from the members of Redeemer will be a bonus.



In the memoir, Melania Trump reflects on her childhood in socialist Slovenia, her modeling career, how she met Donald Trump in 1998, and her tenure as First Lady from 2017 to 2021.

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